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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE TO JORDAN ON ICJ ADVISORY OPINION ON
ISRAELI SECURITY BARRIER

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1. (C) PolCouns delivered ref points on the ICJ advisory opinion on the Israeli security barrier July 13 to Manar Dabbas, USA action officer in Foreign Minister Muasher's Private Office. PolCouns emphasized that all parties must remain focused on realizing President Bush's vision of two states, and avoid actions that distract from or undermine that process. Manar said that Jordan had seen over the past two days some signs that the Palestinians might not push for a UNSC resolution in support of the ICJ ruling, but, when asked for specifics, he admitted that the Palestinians would likely press the case. He said that Jordan was counseling restraint on the Palestinians in private, but would remain with the Arab consensus on this issue in the GA.
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